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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

VIA: Assistant Director (Special Activities)

SUBJECT: Requirements for [] Program

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1. It is recognized that the [] program is in the discussion stage and that a final decision to procure the equipment and move ahead with the project has not as yet been made. It is also recognized that the vehicle and collection equipment proposed are being developed, at least in part, in direct support of U-2 operations, a fact which could be used to justify deviation from prescribed procedures for establishing requirements.

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2. However, in Mr. Reber's absence, I would like to recommend that as soon as it is decided to proceed with the program that the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance be briefed and requested to develop the SIGINT requirements for this operation. I suggest that this be done prior to the letting of contracts for the collection gear.

3. Unless my understanding of the COMOR franchise is incorrect, that Committee is charged with the responsibility of formulating SIGINT requirements for all overhead reconnaissance projects involving overflight even though they may be only in the research and development stage.

4. My purpose in making the above recommendation is to preclude the charges and recriminations which almost certainly will arise in the United States Intelligence Board if COMOR is not consulted on the requirements aspect of this program.

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CONCUR:

The recommendation contained in paragraph 2 above is approved:

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/s/ Herbert Scoville, Jr.*

Assistant Director
(Special Activities)

Deputy Director
(Research)

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* You are correct about COMOR responsibilities. Only question is whether they should look at it when DNRO sends to USIB. If you could guarantee positive COMOR action Thursday to endorse out objectives, this would be fine. I believe [] have a possible draft.

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